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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ATTACHEMENT OF SOVIET VESSEL IN PANAMA CANAL

REF: USUN 3893(NOTAL)

1. PANAMANIAN AMB. BOYD APPROACHED MISOFF AT UN OCT. 17 TO EXPRESS "GREAT CONCERN" OVER US DISTRICT COURT'S ATTACHMENT IN CANAL ZONE OF SOVIET VESSEL WILLIAM FOSTER AT REQUEST OF LAWYER REPRESENTING CHILEAN GOVT. REPEATING WHAT HE TOLD AMB. SCALI (REFTEL) BOYD SAID THAT, ON INSTRUCTIONS OF GOP, HE HAD SUCCESSFULLY URGED FONMIN ROA NOT TO PUSH IMIAS CASE IN SC. HE FEARED, HOWEVER, THAT LATEST ATTACHMENT MIGHT ENCOURAGE USSR AND CUBA TO "JOIN FORCES" IN BRINGING ISSUE TO SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. IN EFFORT TO CALM BOYD DOWN, MISOFF EXPLAINED TO BOYD THAT THIS WAS NOT FIRST TIME SOVIET SHIP HAD BEEN ATTACHED IN CANAL AND THAT SOVIETS, UNLIKE CUBANS, HAD NOT CLAIMED "SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY". MISOFF ALSO SAID THAT THERE POSSIBILITY SOVIETS MAY POST BOND AS THEY HAVE DONE IN PAST.

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3. BOYD GAVE MISOFF COPY OF PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY

STATEMENT PROTESTING "DETENTION" OF SOVIET VESSEL WHICH
HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO DISTRIBUTE HERE. (SPANISH TEXT OF
STATEMENT TRANSMITTED TO IO/UNP).
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